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The following observations were made in Frankfurt/Oder (C 53/V 63):

1. Artillerie Kaserne on August-Bebelstrasse:

Still occupied by about 1,500 troops of AAA units.

a. The following motor vehicles, in convoy, left the barracks toward Rosengarten on 8 March 1950:

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jeep, occupied by three artillery officers  
trucks, towing a 37-mm AA gun  
truck  
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Each truck was occupied by 10 to 12 soldiers wearing artillery insignia and carrying full equipment.

b. Groups of 8 to 10 soldiers were trained with four 76.2-mm guns in the barracks yard during the noon hours of 9 March 1950. A radio truck with extended antenna was parked near the guns.

c. Five 76.2-mm guns with about 60 soldiers and two radio trucks with extended antennas were observed in the barracks yard on 15 March 1950.

d. Four 76.2-mm guns, a data computer and a radio truck were in the barracks yard on 20 March 1950. About 50 troops did service of the piece drill.

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## 2. Buelow Kaserne on Fuerstenwalder Poststrasse:

Still occupied by a tank unit of about 300 men, an artillery unit of about 300 men and a military band of platoon strength.

a. Five groups of about 30 soldiers each, wearing gas masks, left the barracks toward Rosengarten on the morning of 8 March 1950.

b. Four groups of 10 to 12 men each left the barracks toward Rosengarten on 9 March 1950. An 80-mm mortar was observed with each group.

Troops held <sup>aiming</sup> practice with three-long-barreled guns of about 57-mm caliber in the area behind the barracks.

c. Two columns of 35 men and one column of 22 men, carrying field equipment, left the barracks toward Rosengarten on the morning of 15 March 1950. Two tanks [redacted]

[redacted] left the barracks about the same time. They were followed, about 15 minutes later, by 8 groups of 15 to 20 soldiers each who left the barracks toward Rosengarten. Three 120-mm mortars and five 80-mm mortars were observed with the troops.

d. Three groups of about 20 men each were trained with 76.2-mm AT guns with pear-shaped muzzle brake near the barracks in the afternoon of 9 March 1950.

e. Twenty soldiers fell in near two guns of about 76.2-mm caliber with muzzle brake in the area between the stables and the barracks buildings about noon on 21 March 1950. About a hundred troops were drilled in the barracks yard. Two tanks were parked in front of the tank garages. Three groups of about 20 soldiers each held target designation practice with 120-mm mortars in the area near the barracks.

f. Three 76.2-mm AT guns, one long-barreled 57-mm AT gun, four 80-mm mortars and two 120-mm mortars were observed in the barracks yard on 22 March 1950.

## 3. Eichhorn Kaserne on Muellerroser Landstrasse:

## a. Northeastern section:

Still used as transient billets for soldiers of all branches of service. Transient traffic has decreased greatly since early March 1950. Troops coming from the Soviet Zone of Germany ride exclusively aboard regular trains. Shipments to the Soviet Union were assembled only in the barracks. Troops were shipped to the railroad station on trucks; e.g. trucks [redacted] occupied by 20 to 25 soldiers each, shuttled between the barracks and the railroad station on 21 March 1950. Personnel going on furlough were almost exclusively sergeants and older EM,

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mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets. All transient soldiers had submachine guns or rifles with them.

e. SE section:

a. Still occupied by infantry units numbering about 600 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops did formation drill and infantry training. Three-fourths of them were allegedly recruits, 18 to 20 years of age.

4. Hindenburg Kaserne on August Bebel-Strasse:

Still occupied by a tank unit of about 500 men.

a. Four tanks

moved from the direction of Rosengarten toward the barracks on 22 March 1950. On Westkreuz, a junior lieutenant on truck showed the tanks the way to the barracks where they were parked in the yard.

b. Three more tanks,

and four SP guns were used for training in the barracks area.

5. Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaumuehlenstrasse:

a. Vacant except for one building which was occupied by 100 to 120 men allegedly belonging to an armored reconnaissance unit. No other officers, allegedly going on furlough, were observed. Four armored reconnaissance cars and one rocket launcher were in the barracks area. No troops were seen at training.

6. Morn Kaserne on Friedrich Ebert-Strasse:

Occupied by 800 to 900 troops belonging to units of various branches of service. Most of the troops wore tank and motor transport insignia.

a. Two tanks left the barracks toward Rosengarten on 8 March 1950. Thirty to forty troops held service of the piece drill with three 37-mm AA guns and two 76.2-mm guns.

b. Five groups of about 10 men each practiced in the barracks yard with 37-mm AA guns, two groups of about 10 men each with 76.2-mm guns and one group of 15 to 20 men with a 57-mm gun on 9 March 1950.

c. The contours of tanks were seen through 10 open doors of the tank garages on 15 March 1950. Some of the tank guns had muzzle brakes. Troops serviced the tanks. Forty to fifty soldiers were observed in the barracks yard at service of the piece drill with

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three 37-mm AA guns and one 76.2-mm gun without muzzle brake.

d. About 300 very young, bald-headed soldiers were, for the first time, observed in the afternoon of 19 March 1950.

e. About 60 soldiers were trained with three 37-mm AA guns and one 57-mm AT gun in the area behind the barracks on 21 March 1950. Sixty to eighty troops were observed at field training.

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7. Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse:

Still occupied by tank and artillery units totaling 800 to 900 troops. The manner in which the barracks buildings were occupied indicated that the tank unit numbered about 300 men and the artillery unit 500 to 600 men.

a. Six groups of four soldiers each practiced change of position, target designation and aiming with 120-mm mortars in the area in front of the barracks on 8 March 1950. About 30 troops were instructed at a long-barreled 57-mm gun. A lightly armored, track-laying vehicle with mounted twin-barreled AA gun was parked in the street before the barracks.

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About 60 soldiers did service of the piece drill with several 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brake in the barracks yard. An armored reconnaissance car was seen in front of the barracks on the same day.

b. The guns which had previously been parked in the barracks yard were not observed on 20 March 1950. Two tanks were driven out of the garages, in front of which three other tanks were serviced by troops. Troops practiced the emplacing of four 120-mm mortars in the nearby area.

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8. Kommandatura in the Yellow Press building:

Still occupied by a unit of about 100 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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